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RE: DOCKET NO 98N-1265

To the FDA:

I send this letter as a consumer of health care services to register my concern and disapproval of the Memorandum of Understanding as published by the FDA on January 21, 1999.

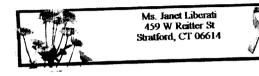
In its present form, the MOU, as well as the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernaztion Act, severely restricts the rights of the physicians and patients to obtain healthcare products from the provider of their choice. It also infringes on the rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the publics medical needs. As a healthcare consumer there should be no restrictions to the delivery of compounded medication prescribed for me, regardless of where I live or travel. The MOU must be amended!!!

The FDA is an agency of the U.S.Government that purports to be the "watchdog" for consumer safety. THIS IS NOT A SAFETY ISSUE!! As a governmental agency, the FDA also has a responsibility to be accountable to the people. Once again, the MOU must be amended!!

As a healthcare consumer, I deeply resent the MOU. Comments: What happened to our freedom of choice? This is my body, and I believe I have every right to go to whoever I want and put into it what it needs to keep healthy. Conventional medicine, while it has its place, saved me but nearly killed me as well. I still have big problems using conventional drugs. I believe this is a huge issue of control, greed, and dishonesty between our government and pharmaceutical companies, as well as many greedy doctors. Between the side effects and the cost, they are running equal as I see it. God created my body and it is He we need to listen to. I think the American Medical Assoc. was originally started by wholistic doctors and went off track when modern science started experimenting in laboratories, which led to making big money through pharmaceutical companies and greedy doctors.

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